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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

For:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 25, 2002, Applicants submit the following response. A response to this Office Action is due December 25, 2002. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 6-8, and 14.